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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 4:48 PM
To: 'Clark Tomlinson'
Subject: RE: Comment on Duke Energy Rate Increase Request

Dear Mr. Tomlinson,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Assistant

From: Clark Tomlinson [<mailto:Clark.Tomlinson@Milliken.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 5:00 PM
To: Contact
Subject: Comment on Duke Energy Rate Increase Request

I would like to voice my opposition to granting Duke Energy an increase of 17%.

In economically difficult times such as this in South Carolina, the justification of such an increase is simply ridiculous. Our state's unemployment rate of 11% combined with an economy still deep recession makes it impossible for the state's citizens to subsidize this move.

Duke posted profits of 1.3 billion in 2010. Duke chose to pursue their dramatic modernization efforts all at once and still managed to post strong profits. For the average citizen, it makes no sense for Duke to have spent so significant a sum all at once and expect us to foot the bill. The upgrade efforts should have been postponed if possible or gradually introduced. I have seen no effort on Duke's behalf to request delay of state or federal regulations. Duke appears to be more concerned about its Wall Street Image than its customers.

The cost of such an increase will not stop at just electric bills. It cascades to the cost of every product and service - a cost that will be passed along to SC citizens. It will strangle businesses by diverting money away from investments in jobs. Worse, it will take more money out of SC Citizens pockets that could have been used on the basics of life.

The timing for an increase is very bad and the request is outrageous. Please do not approve the increase.

Clark Tomlinson

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